

Newsletter Rathmore



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'Fit for Life' Week
Sponsored Event for
Mindset & PTA

25/5

PTA Smartie Challenge

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School Closure

Breakfast Club and YMCA After School

We were delighted to see our Breakfast Club reopening in April. It is lovely to see happy faces chatting and eating each morning. At present children are sitting in class or family bubbles and enjoying a leisurely start to their day. The club is booked using our on-line money system and single days or whole weeks can be booked in the same way as dinners.

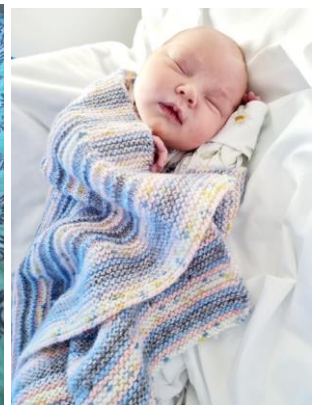
Our Wrap Round Care continues into the afternoon, with YMCA providing supervision after school each day. Children are met at their classroom and walk together to West Church, where a full programme is available for the children. Further details are available at the school office.

Staff News

Congratulations to Ruth & Paddy Wood on the birth of a son, Jago and to Janeen & Richard Best on the birth of a daughter, Emily. It is always great to hear about new additions to the Rathmore family.



Jago Wood



Emily Best

We said goodbye and thank you last week to Jane Rankin who was a member of our Special Needs Team. We wish Jane all the best in her new job in the Ulster Hospital.

We welcome Mrs Lindsay Andrews to the P2 team. Mrs Andrews is known to many of the children already as she is our Crossing Patrol at the Killeen Avenue gate.

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

Work hard.

Don't give up when things are tough.



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

Reminders

Illness: If your child has a persistent cough, a high temperature or has lost their sense of taste or smell, we remind you that they should stay off school. Any child who shows these symptoms should be tested and the result shared with the school.

Sick/absent children: are recorded by the class teacher. We require a written note on the first day of return. Only parents of children with additional adult assistance for Special Needs should phone the office to inform us.

Staff contact requests: should be emailed through to the office. All teachers are classroom based full-time and therefore unable to respond to requests immediately. We aim to respond to your requests within two days when a meeting or time to phone will be arranged.

Contact details: Please contact the office if your phone/address/email has changed.

Summer days: may be with us soon. It is lovely to see the children outside for PE and their break times. We remind you that there may be times when it is necessary to send a hat and suncream.

Fit for Life Week: 17-21

Rathmore's 'Fit for Life' Week will be taking place from Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May 2021. The aim of this week is to promote a healthy lifestyle amongst pupils through diet, exercise and being mindful of their emotions.

Activities will include Mindfulness Monday, Tasty Tuesday and Workout Wednesday. All children will take part in a sponsored Fun Run which will raise money for Mindset (Mental Health Charity) and Rathmore PTA funds.

We are looking forward to a fun and active week. We encourage all children who can, to walk, skip, cycle or scoot to school this week. This will be a great start to an active day.

May Closures

We would like to bring to your attention our closure dates for May to help you plan childcare.

Rathmore will close on Friday 28 and Monday 31 May due to two staff development days (Exceptional Closures).

Nursery and P1 Induction

We have recently sent out letters to welcome our new children into the Rathmore family. It is likely that Induction procedures will differ this year, as they did last year. Once places are confirmed, details for September will be shared with parents in preparation for a smooth start in school.

PTA News:

Cash for Clobber

Thank you to everyone who cleared out their wardrobes and donated to cash for clobber. It was great to see so many people supporting our PTA effort. We are waiting to hear the final total raised and will be in touch to let you know.

Smartie Challenge

We will be sending home Smarties tubes on Tuesday 25th May. The children can enjoy the Smarties and then use the container to collect 20p coins. These can be returned to the class teacher by Friday 10th June, full of hard earned 20p coins or if you're feeling very generous £1 coins fit in too!! Please send in any tubes even if they aren't completely full!! Good luck!

2021/2022 is Rathmore's 50th Birthday!

Please get in contact if you are keen to join the PTA team next year. We would love to welcome new members and are always looking for fun ideas to support our children in school. We look ahead to next year with hope that we can get back to planning the activities that our children love and that bring us all together.

Help support us for your children's future.